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My name is Nolan Royce, I live in Shelton CT and I support House Bill 6517. I am 11 years old and I am in 5th grade. I have Dyslexia. I believe that this bill is important because when I was in First grade and third grade I didn't feel like my teachers knew how to teach me and I did anything I could to get out of having to read and write. I hated to read and write and it wasn't until I began to have tutoring using the Orton Gillingham approach that I have become more comfortable in reading. If my teachers had known how to teach me during elementary school I feel like it would have made learning easier and I wouldn't have felt bad about myself and I would have felt more included.

I believe teacher training is important and I believe most teachers want to know how to teach kids. My fourth and fifth grade teachers have taught me the most at school because they have found ways to include me and to make me feel like I am not being taught differently from other students. The tutor that I work with teaches me using Orton Gillingham strategies she has learned. She uses the information she has learned to teach children with dyslexia and these strategies are working for me.

I ask that you pass House bill 6517 so students like me can have the chance to learn to read and spell while they are at school and so that they will not feel badly about themselves. Teachers deserve to have the most learning about all students and students deserve to learn in a way that is best for them.

Thank you,

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